

scribing a new species of American wolf, *Lupus gigas*, Townsend, of North America, published in Journal.

It may not be improper while enumerating the communications, to direct attention to a letter from Dr. Joel Y. Shelly, accompanying fossil remains of a supposed saurian found in Upper Milford, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania. Although not personally acquainted with this locality, it is believed to belong to a formation anterior to the coal, and it may be coeval with the period of the fossil footprints in red sandstone described by Dr. A. T. King in Proceedings for December 1844, and December, 1845. If this supposition be correct these are probably very old and interesting remains of vertebrate animals and are therefore deserving of attention.

It seems improper to close a notice of the records, without briefly adverting to the very large portion of them occupied by mere lists of the munificent donations received throughout the year. The constant liberality with which so many of the wants of the Academy are supplied, must be a rich source of gratitude in the hearts of all its friends, and while an exquisite and high toned delicacy on the part of a distinguished benefactor forbids me to breathe his name, his generous gifts are appreciated among our richest treasures. All which is respectfully submitted by

SAMUEL POWEL,

Philadelphia, January 28th, 1851.

Recording Secretary.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

John Jordan, Jr., Esq., and B. Howard Rand, M. D., of Philadelphia, were elected *Members* of the Academy.

Election of Standing Committees for 1851.

The following committees on the various departments of Science, &c., were elected to serve for the year 1851.

Ethnology, S. G. Morton, J. S. Phillips, J. C. Fisher; *Comparative Anatomy and General Zoology*, Joseph Leidy, E. Hallowell, B. H. Coates; *Mammalogy*, S. G. Morton, J. W. Woodhouse, R. Kilvington; *Ornithology*, E. Harris, John Cassin, J. K. Townsend; *Herpetology and Ichthyology*, E. Hallowell, John Cassin, W. Keller; *Conchology*, T. A. Conrad, T. B. Wilson, H. C. Lea; *Entomology and Crustacea*, S. S. Haldeman, R. Bridges, W. S. Zantzinger; *Botany*, R. Bridges, W. S. Zantzinger, Gavin Watson; *Palæontology*, T. A. Conrad, T. B. Wilson, Joseph Leidy; *Geology*, R. C. Taylor, T. F. Moss, Samuel Powel; *Mineralogy*, J. Price Wetherill, S. Ashmead, W. S. Vaux; *Physics*, J. S. Phillips, J. C. Fisher, Thos. Fisher; *Library*, R. Bridges, T. B. Wilson, J. Lambert; *Proceedings*, S. G. Morton, W. S. Zantzinger, Joseph Leidy.

February 4th.

Dr. MORTON, President, in the Chair.

A letter was read from Prof. C. Ū. Sheppard, dated Charleston, S. C., January 20, 1851, presenting his thanks for the fragment of the